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## UTILITY DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Title: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS IN MINES"

Group Art Unit: 3643

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This is a Divisional application of pending prior application No.09/173,876, filed October 16, 1998. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

1. ☒ Copy of Oath/Declaration from the above-referenced pending prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS/PTO-1449)
3. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
4. ☒ Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized)
5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed.

**FEE CALCULATION:**

Cancel in this application original Claims 9 - 26 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

	(COL. 1) NO. FILED				SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
					RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE:						\$370.00	OR		\$740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS:	18	-	20	-2	X \$9 =		OR	X \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS:	3	-	3	0	X \$42 =		OR	X \$84 =	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					+ \$140 =		OR	+\$280 =	\$0.00
*IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "O" IN COL. 2.					TOTAL:				\$740.00

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any underpayments or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.
2. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees for extensions of time under §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.
3. ☒ The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers of the prior pending application.

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4. ☒ The prior application is assigned to RockTek Limited.

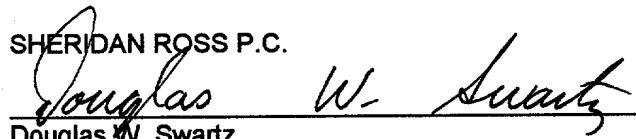
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